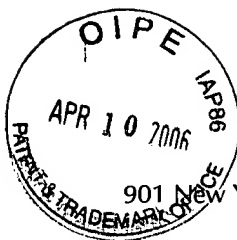


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Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of January 19, 2006. The item checked below are appropriate:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a ____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$ ____ for the Extension is enclosed.

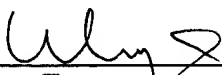
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Subtotal						\$ 800
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 800

- ☒ A fee of \$800.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☐ A fee of \$_____ to cover _____ is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$800.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: April 10, 2006

By: 
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2006, the period for response to which extends through April 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

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